

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-17 are all the claims currently pending.

By this Amendment, the title of the invention has been amended. Claims 1, 7-9 and 15-17 have also been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

II. Objections To The Specification:

The Examiner alleges that the title of the invention is not descriptive and, as such, a new title is required. To address the Examiner's concerns, the Applicant has amended the title as follows: AN APPARATUS, METHOD AND COMPUTER FOR PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR CONTROLLING ROUTING OF A REQUEST IN AN IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS.

Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of these claims are respectfully requested.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4, 7-12, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in further view of U.S. Patent 5,315,705 to Iwami et al. (hereafter Iwami). Additionally, claims 5, 6, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA and Iwami as applied to claims 1-4, 7-12, and 15-17 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,259,469 to Ejima et al. (hereafter Ejima).

Claim 1 is directed to an arrangement with a route determination unit for sending the request generated by said request generation unit to one of said sending unit and said processing unit with reference to the data stored in said memory. That is, the route determination

unit chooses whether the request is to be executed outside or inside of the image input apparatus. Since the request is for controlling the image sensing apparatus by the processing unit (as clarified in the claim), the camera unit, for example, can be controlled more speedily versus the case where the request is sent to the external control apparatus.

On the contrary, the AAPA does not disclose or suggest the memory or the route determination unit. Applicant respectfully submits that these deficiencies in the AAPA are not remedied by Iwami.

Iwami discloses correspondence data between request types of communication services and destinations, but does not disclose the request types for controlling the image sensing, as amended in claim 1.

Further, Iwami merely discloses to determine one of “external” communication destinations dependent upon the type of requested communication service (e.g., voice or data). Iwami neither discloses or suggests that the voice or data may be sent to a unit provided within the complex communication terminal 12, and processed within this terminal 12. Such an arrangement would not achieve the purpose of the Iwami invention.

Accordingly, the AAPA and Iwami, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the route determination unit which determines to send a request to the sending unit, in which case the request shall be processed outside of the image input apparatus, or to the processing unit, in which case the request is processed inside of the image sensing apparatus.

Ejima also does not remedy the deficiencies of the AAPA and Iwami teachings.

Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited references. For similar reasons, claims 9 and 17 and their dependent claims are also distinguishable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

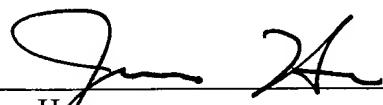
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4717.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4717.

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